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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application. Applicants request a two-month extension of time in which to provide this response. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3080. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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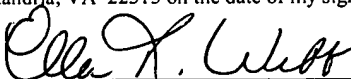
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office action mailed June 16, 2004. Applicants request a two-month extension of time from the date the Office action was mailed to extend the deadline for response until November 16, 2004. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.